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Jill McFADDEN et al.

Serial No.:

09/097,023

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For:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-referenced patent application. Enclosed are:

Preliminary Amendment (8 pages).

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, applicants respectfully request that the amendment submitted in response to the Final Office Action be entered and the following amendments be made to the claims. Applicants request reconsideration of the pending claims as amended herein.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 17-21, 24, 31 and 44-48 as follows: